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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:381
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REVENUE SHARING SYSTEM IN RADIO PAGING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to scrap licence system and introduce revenue sharing in the Radio Paging Industries in order to enable the industry to sustain itself and provide the benefits of its services in the remote areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether owing to the said decision, the Government had to waive crores of rupees, outstanding against the said industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total amount waived;

(e) the reasons for switching over to the system of revenue sharing; and

(f) the time by which the same is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISINVESTMENT (ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 381 FOR 9TH APRIL, 2003 REGARDING REVENUE SHARING SYSTEM IN RADIO PAGING INDUSTRY.

(a) to (f): Licensing system for Radio Paging Industry under the Indian Telegraph Act 1885 has not been scrapped.After taking a considered view for the revival of the ailing radio paging industry, Government has recently decided to allow the Radio Paging Licensees to migrate from the Fixed Licence Fee regime to Revenue Sharing regime.5% of the Adjusted Gross Revenue of the licensee company shall be payable as licence fee in the revenue sharing regime. This has financial implications of approximately Rs. 450 crores with interest upto 30.9.2002. The relief package will be offered shortly after finalising the modalities of implementation.